

THE SCOUT OATH

On My Honor I will do my best:

1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law;
2. To help other people at all times;
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

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THE SCOUT LAW

1. A Scout is Trustworthy
2. A Scout is Loyal
3. A Scout is Helpful
4. A Scout is Friendly
5. A Scout is Courteous
6. A Scout is Kind
7. A Scout is Obedient
8. A Scout is Cheerful
9. A Scout is Thrifty
10. A Scout is Brave
11. A Scout is Clean
12. A Scout is Reverent

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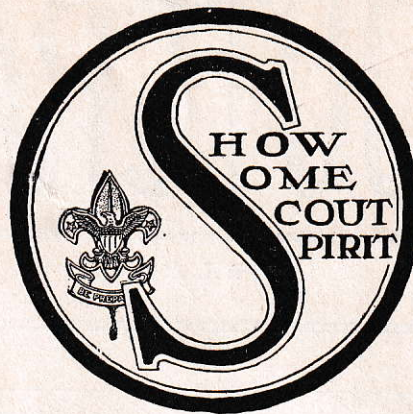
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Panic and Fire Prevention Deluxe

Dear Editor:

Please put this story in March "Scoutcraft."

While attending a meeting at the American Boys' Commonwealth Club, at 3036 Roosevelt Road, two Scouts of Troop 210 had a chance to do an unexpected good turn.

Scout Sam Charniss and Scout Isadore Gold were painting signs on the third floor for the Court of Honor, at Crane High School. The call of fire was heard and the sound of escaping steam. Scout Charniss ran down to the basement to look over the situation. Scout Gold saw what his S. P. L. saw, ran upstairs and told all to get out of the house. This nearly resulted in a panic. Here Scout training came in handy. He formed the boys in a line and walked them outside, telling them to stay away from the building.

Running down to the basement (which had a temperature of about 105) Scout Gold found his S. P. L. had the situation already in hand. It was so hot that both Scouts were forced to take off their heavy winter shirts. Scout Charniss commanded Scout Gold to open up the furnace door, while he took a shovel with ashes and

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Eagle Scout Palms

Attention having been so many times called to a lowering of interest by many Eagle Scouts who had attained that rank, a considerable number of conferences have been held in the last few years in an effort to provide additional insignia or incentive towards further progress. After a full consideration of all proposals, it was decided that a miniature bronze palm to be attached to the Eagle Scout badge be made available for Scouts who have earned five merit badges beyond the number required for Eagle rank; a miniature gold palm for earning ten badges and a miniature silver palm for earning fifteen such badges, each of said palms to replace the next lower one; and further authorizing the use or combination of palms for indicating the award of merit badges in excess of fifteen, provided, however, that no award of any palm shall be made except where the local Court of Honor or examining committee has received, in such form as it may determine satisfactory, definite and concrete evidence that the Eagle Scout applying for the palm has fulfilled the following conditions:

First—That he has continued to put into practice the ideals and principles of the Scout Oath and Law, the motto "Be Prepared" and the "Daily Good Turn."

Second—That he has maintained an active service relationship to Scouting, and,

Third—That he has made an effort to develop and demonstrate his leadership ability.

Chicago Wins National Swim Trophy

Col. John A. Lockwood, U. S. A., retired, to show his interest in the life saving program of the American Red Cross posted a beautiful trophy for the summer camp that would produce the largest number of Life Savers.

During the season of 1925 the word did not reach the Owasippe Scout Camps that such an award was up for competition. By 1926 the news had been received and the decision made that it should be won by the Chicago Scout camps. Little more needs be said. We have it and we intend to keep it.

To keep it, however, we must win it the second time in succession and that means that we must work even harder than last summer. Many other camps are working like sixty because they realize if we win it again this year that they will not have another chance at the cup.

Will we keep it?

One Scout Office for Chicago

Carrying out the recommendations of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the eight district offices are being closed and consolidated with what has been known as the Central office. These changes are to be made between the fifteenth of April and the 1st of May.

New Scout Headquarters Being Prepared

In less than a day after the consolidation plans had been approved, steps had been taken to make room for the field staff and the clerical staff of the district. Wreckers, carpenters, steam fitters, plumbers, electricians, plasterers, decorators and laborers charged down upon Room 905 of the Champlain building and within a few hours had wrecked such havoc that the entire staff had retreated to one corner of the room where they attempted to do their work, but without a great deal of success.

Within a short length of time the new Chicago Scout Headquarters began looming amid the debris. Here, after about the tenth of May, your Field Executive will be found "at home."

Supply Department Prepares for Increased Service

The Chicago Service Station of the National Supply Department is preparing a new sales room where they can more adequately take care of Chicago Scouts for their equipment. Mail orders, countersigned by your Scoutmaster, will be accepted by the Supply Department and shipped within twenty-four hours after the order has been received. If badges are ordered, it will be necessary to send your Court of Honor card, which will bear the signatures of the Chairman of the Court of Honor and your Scoutmaster. The card will be returned to you with the order. Second, first class, merit badges and Life and Star insignia will not be sold any other way.

How to Be Thrifty on Merit Badge Pamphlets

Nifty Idea Free

SCOUT headquarters is not anxious to sell a lot of merit badge pamphlets. At twenty cents each, the expense for one taking a lot of merit badges becomes a large sum.

Some troops maintain a library of merit badge pamphlets. However, they soon become ragged and unserviceable.

The thrifty and business-like troop does this. After a Scout has purchased a pamphlet for twenty cents and used it, the troop buys it back from him for fifteen cents. The troop sells it to the next boy for fifteen and buys it back for ten. The troop sells it to the next boy for ten and buys it back for five. The fourth user buys the pamphlet for five cents and keeps it. The next Scout buys a new pamphlet and starts the cycle over again.

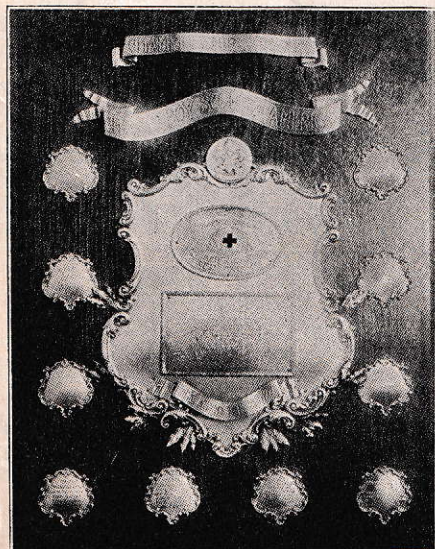
Advantages: Merit badge pamphlet costs each user but five cents; troop library does not accumulate ragged and worn out pamphlets; costs troop nothing—treasury comes out exactly even on each turnover, and we are charging you nothing for this valuable idea.

The scribe should probably be made responsible for organizing and handling this system.

Chicago Scouts Fill Out Questionnaire

Did you go to the movies more than once last week? The Wieboldt Foundation wanted to know. They wanted to know what movies you fellows like and a lot of other things besides. What was it all about, you wonder? To provide you Scouts and other boys who are not Scouts with bigger and finer movies. Shows that will make you sit up and whistle at the adventures of some of the old timers. Shows that will be of modern adventures; the kind that give you a little satisfied feeling that we're not so bad even today.

The Wieboldt Foundation are very good friends of Scouting. Each year at Christmas time they stuff our Christmas stocking plumb full of nice presents. And we are not the only ones either, for they play Santa Claus to many other organizations all over Chicago.



Red Cross Contest Soon

The finals for the American Red Cross Contest to determine the city wide championship troop of first aiders will be run off June fourth. Is your troop in the competition? Troop 505 is the 1926 champion. Will they be able to defend their award? Any troop winning it three times in succession get to keep the wonderful great silver shield.

The shield is hanging in the Scout Headquarters. Stop in and look at it.

Over 1,000 Scouts Subscribe

Over 1,000 Scouts subscribed to Boys' Life Magazine. They took advantage of a special offer made by the Council to send the magazine to registered Scouts for a year for \$1.00. Most of the subscriptions were turned in at the Merit Badge Exposition.

Sea Scout Department Buys Two Boats

Two navy cutters have been bought by the Sea Scout Department. Who will use them has not yet been decided. There have been seven ships organized in the last month, so getting some one to use them will not be a great task.

CAMP BUDGET ASSURES NEW EQUIPMENT FOR CAMP

Each year the Camping Committee provide many thousands of dollars worth of new equipment for the Owasippe Scout Camps. This year is no exception. Almost \$14,000 is to be spent on improvements this summer. Already men are at work so that everything will be in readiness for the 1927 campers.

Some of the outstanding things being done to improve the camp are:

The purchase of fifteen canoes. Boy, do you realize that will mean every fellow that can be trusted in a canoe will have an opportunity to learn the art of paddling a canoe; that the older Scouts will be allowed to take canoe trips down White River?

Ten new row boats to be distributed among the camps. The camp already has forty rowboats.

New hospitals for every camp like the one built last summer at Camp Blackhawk. This does away with the old General Hospital at Camp Dan Beard.

A floor for every tent. Already the carpenters are building them.

New swimming piers. Camp West is to have full use of the pier shared with Camp Dan Beard last summer. Another length which takes it out into deeper water is being added. A new pier is being built for Camp Dan Beard down by their old boat pier. Camp McDonald is getting a new pier just to the right of their old one

which gives Camp Mac deep water for diving. The ice almost ruined the piers at Camps Blackhawk and Checaugau but they will be in condition by the time camp opens. A new pier will be ready for Camp Belknap by the time their camp opens.

A cooling house for keeping the milk sweet and for the storage of meats and green vegetables is being built alongside the pasteurizing plant. New refrigerators are being added in three of the camps.

Cement well platforms and drains are being constructed around every pump.

An additional warehouse is being constructed next to the present one at general headquarters.

Twenty-five new tents have been bought, **new dishes** are being provided, hundreds of dollars worth of tools are being bought, **additional cots** secured, **painting and repairing** costing several hundreds of dollars is being pushed toward completion.

At general headquarters a **new office** is being provided for the General Camp Director.

A phone booth is being built at Crystal Lake, near general headquarters, and the **telephone line** is being extended into the Blue Lake Camps.

That's a pretty sizeable program of expansion, don't you think, fellows?

None of this money comes from the fees that campers pay.

Mr. Miller Straightening Blue Lake Road

Do you Blue Lake Campers remember the steep banks, the right angle and S turns, the swishing of trees on the sides of the car, how the trees seemed to jump out in the center of the road, on the Blue Lake road? Boy, wasn't that a thrilling ride? Especially if you rode with Pat Crimmons.

Well, Mr. Rue Miller, the caretaker of the Owasippe Camps, is taking out some of the kinks. Not enough to remove the thrill, you understand, but enough of them so traveling between the camps won't be a weakening experience.

The hill at Silver Creek is being gravelled so trucks won't have to be unloaded at the bottom, driven up and then reloaded at the top. The big, long hill near Blue Lake is also being graded some. Mr. Edson, who holds the record time between the two camps, should be able to reduce his time by several minutes on the improved road. Trees and stumps never bothered him much, though, so perhaps we shouldn't expect too much of him.

Council Annual Meeting Held

The Annual Meeting of the Chicago Council is to be held the eighteenth of April in the Main Banquet Room of the Auditorium Hotel.

Five hundred men who are deeply interested in seeing that your Scouts get the best possible kind of Scouting will eat dinner together that night and after dinner elect officers for the Council for the coming year, hear reports of the last year's work and lay plans for the coming year. Your Scoutmaster and perhaps your troop committee chairman will attend this meeting.



The New Ice House

Above is pictured the new ice storage house erected last fall on the shores of Big Blue Lake. The picture was taken last February while the house was being filled. Over 100 tons of ice was placed in this house and an equal amount in the ice house on Crystal Lake. Surely this will assure every camper an abundance of ice tea.

Ye Scout Calendar

APRIL, 1927

SPRING CAMP

April 23rd - to - May 2nd

OWASIPPE

N. W. Farewell Dinner to Sea Scouts on Borden Trip.
S. C. Two a Month Club Hike to Kiwanis.
S. S. Swimming—Athletics. Examinations at "Y" College.
N. S. Eastern Section Camp Reunion Dinner.
Patrol Leaders Training Course—Hike.
April Fool's Day.
N. S. Mobilization Contest—Maybe?
Friday, 1st
Saturday, 2nd

S. C. Two a Month Club Hike to Kiwanis. N. S. Patrol Leaders' Training Course Hike. Washington Irving born in New York City, 1783. W. S. Woodcraft Group, Camp Fort Dearborn. Sunday, 3rd	N. S. Open House at office. President William Henry Harrison died 1841. Monday, 4th	W. S. Garfield Park Court of Review. N. S. Camp Reunion Dinner for Western Section, Board of Review at Ravenswood Congregational Church. W. S. Board of Review at Headquarters. Tuesday, 5th	S. C. Two a Month Club, Davis Square. N. S. Board of Review at St. Alphonsus Athenaeum. Marksman Class at Lakeview High School. N. S. Scout Leaders' Training Course. United States declared War on Germany, 1917. Wednesday, 6th	S. S. 1st Aid and Life Saving Course. N. S. 1st Aid Course Board of Review at Granville Presbyterian Church. Woodsworth born 1770. Thursday, 7th	W. S. Lawndale Court of Honor at Millard Congregational Church. W. S. Austin Court of Honor. Leather Work Group, Jackson Blvd. Community House. Friday, 8th	W. S. Lawndale Court of Honor. N. S. P. L. Training Course Hike. Swimming Tests at Wilson Y. M. C. A. W. S. Austin Court of Honor. Leather Work Group, Jackson Blvd. Community House. Saturday, 9th
N. S. Patrol Leaders' Training Course Hike. Palm Sunday. Sunday, 10th	N. W. Board of Review for 1st, 2nd and Sea Scouts at Association House. N. S. Open House at Office. Henry Clay born in Hanover Co., Va., 1777. Monday, 11th	S. S. Douglas Ct. of Review. N. S. Board of Review at Portage Park Field House. Tuesday, 12th	N. W. Board of Review for Life and Star Scouts at Hdqrs. W. S. Star, Life and Eagle Court of Review at Headquarters. N. S. Marksman Class at Lakeview High School. W. S. Order of the Arrow and Camp Meeting at Hdqrs. Wednesday, 13th	N. S. 1st Aid Training Course. Swimming Tests at Irving Park Y. M. C. A. President Lincoln shot 1865. Thursday, 14th	N. S. Troop Visitation and Parents' Night. W. S. Garfield Ct. of Honor. Union Court of Honor at Western Ave. M. C. Church. Friday, 15th	W. S. Leather Work Group, Jackson Boulevard Community House. President Lincoln died in 1865. Saturday, 16th
Easter Sunday Benjamin Franklin died in Philadelphia, 1790. Sunday, 17th	N. W. Court of Honor. N. S. Open House at Office. Board of Review for Merit Badges at Irving Park Presbyterian Church. Chicago Council Annual Meeting. Monday, 18th	S. S. Chatham Ct. of Review. N. S. Board of Review for Merit Badges at Ravenswood Congregational Church. Tuesday, 19th	S. C. Two a Month Club, Davis Square. Life and Star Board of Review, Hdqrs. S. S. Life, Star and Eagle Court of Review. Roosevelt Court of Review. Shoreland Court of Review. N. S. Marksman Class at Lakeview High School. Board of Review for Merit Badges at St. Alphonsus. Wednesday, 20th	S. S. 1st Aid and Life Saving Course. N. S. First Aid Training Course. Board of Review at Granville Presbyterian Church. Thursday, 21st	S. C. District Swimming Meet at Tilden Tech. S. S. Loop Court of Review. N. S. Swimming Tests at Wilson Ave. Y. M. C. A. Court of Honor. Friday, 22nd	Jas. Buchanan 15th President, born at Cove Gap, Pa., 1791. W. S. Leather Work Group, Jackson Boulevard Community House. Off for Spring Camp. Saturday, 23rd
ARRIVAL AT SPRING CAMP Sunday, 24th	N. W. Swimming Instruction at Division St. Y. M. C. A. and Chicago Boys' Club No. 2. Order of the Arrow Meeting. S. C. Board of Review at Cornell Square. Monday, 25th	N. S. Patrol Leaders' Training Course. Tuesday, 26th	S. C. Rally and Ct. of Honor at Tilden Tech. W. S. Order of the Arrow and Camp Meeting at Headquarters. N. S. Scout Leaders' Training Course. Wednesday, 27th	S. S. First Aid and Life Saving Course. N. S. First Aid Course. Swimming at Irving "Y." James Monroe, 5th President, born at Head of Monroe's Creek, Va., 1758. Thursday, 28th	How about your garden? Friday, 29th	Washington inaugurated, 1789. Louisiana admitted to Union, 1812. Territory of Hawaii organized, 1900. W. S. Leather Work Group, Jackson Boulevard Community House. Saturday, 30th

WHO WILL BE AT CAMP?

Mr. Samson to be General Camp Director Again

Mr. Paul B. Samson, who has directed the Owasippe Scout Camps for four seasons now, will again be the director this year. Mr. Samson is with the department of Physical Education of the Michigan State Normal School. He is just a little fellow, about six foot three in height and weighing only 230 pounds. He tears up trees by the roots and breaks them into fire wood lengths by wrapping them around another tree. This just as a matter of exercise.

Mr. Samson has a small son who is the captain of the University of Michigan swimming team. Ever hear of him?

Captain Mayhew to be Quartermaster

For the ninth time Captain Herman Mayhew will be the quartermaster. That means that every Scout will have plenty to eat. "Cap" isn't skinny by any means, and the way he got where he is today was by eating. Since he must eat, he must buy food, and if he buys food the rest of us eat. That's logical, isn't it?

"X. Y. Z." to Head Swimming

Another small chap with a name so impossible to pronounce that he is known as "X. Y. Z." will head the swimming. To help him "X" will have in each camp the best swimming directors that can be found. Last year the Owasippe Scout Camps won the Lockwood Trophy for producing the largest number of Junior Life Guards. It is our intention to win it again this year at all costs. If we do, the Chicago Scouts get to keep it. Will we win it? Hot stove!

Your Field Director Your Camp Director

The Field Scout Executives will be the camp directors again. That means you will be right with the man you are used to working with. He knows your needs and he will be right there to help you get the experience you want and to pass the tests that you want.

Balance of Staff Being Secured

Every day additional members of the staff are being secured. The camp officers are more than half signed up and all the others will be definitely linked up in a few more days. They will receive intensive training before the arrival at camp. Yes, fellows, many things happen before camp really opens.

For Camp or Hike take Snap Shots

You can live over again the fun you have had in camp or on your cross-country hikes, if you will take snap shots.

Let us help you in selecting the camera and material to make this possible. We are more than glad to help you solve your photographic problems.

BROWNIES
\$2.00, \$2.75 and up

KODAKS
\$6.50 and up

24 hour service on developing with the finest work obtainable.

Central Camera Company

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ADDITIONAL PRIZE AWARDS

Boy Scout Merit Badge Exposition

THE GRAND PRIZE

To Troop 204—because of having manned one of the outstanding booths of the Exposition; for having sold by far the greatest number of tickets (809) and because of their faithfulness in general.

TICKET SALES

1—To the troops selling the largest number of tickets regardless of the membership of the troop:

First Prize—Troop 204—809 Tickets sold

Second Prize—Troop 693—365 Tickets sold

Third Prize—Troop 508—338 Tickets sold

2—To the troops selling the largest number of tickets per registered Scout:

First Prize—Troop 204—27 Scouts—809 Tickets sold

Second Prize—Troop 507—25 Scouts—270 Tickets sold

Third Prize—Troop 508—61 Scouts—338 Tickets sold

3—To the Scouts making the largest individual sales:

First Prize—Scout Feldman, Troop 204—338 Tickets sold

Second Prize—Scout Bunin, Troop 204—270 Tickets sold

Third Prize—Scout Rossman, Troop 563—150 Tickets sold



Opportunity

Boys starting out in life have the desire to "get somewhere"; they all look forward to the time when they will be men.

The right kind of boys can get a good start with Swift & Company along the road that leads to somewhere; they have the opportunity to become the company's Big Men of tomorrow.

Swift & Company,
U. S. Yards



Conservation—Here is a chance to do a real worthwhile work and incidentally pass several merit badges.

If you are one of the "HE MEN" that will make up this party you will also want to know that the Scout Uniform is the dress of the day on the trip over to Owasippe. Also you will have to have some clothes, old clothes, warm clothes to work in.

You will also need ten pounds of blankets, personal toilet articles, special equipment such as camera, fishing tackle, etc. You should be big enough and old enough in experience by now to figure out what you will need for an eight day camp.



Pass Tests—Like these fellows working on the cement merit badge.

AN ADVENTURE

If you have attained the venerable age
 If you have distinguished yourself by
 If you are big enough to swing an ax
 If you want to be of some use to your
 your **CAMP**;
 If you can stand the rigors of a program
 If you have \$8.00 to cover your expenses
 transportation;
 Then—maybe—you might be one of the
 Camp.

Just to give you an idea of what an expedition let it be known that has done construction work about the camps. If you have done a job in previous years but pioneered in new construction projects. The rest of the camp things the older fellows have been doing. It is up to points of interest, especially up to you. Perhaps canoe or boat trips can be arranged. Their tests and merit badge seekers.

Here is the registration blank if you consider

SPRING CAMP

I wish to enroll my son.....
 of Troop.....for the 1927 Spring
 Parents' Signature.....
 Address

Attached is \$1.00 registration fee.

Balance of \$7.00 payable at boat or at Dis





FOR "HE-MEN"

e of 15 years;
 becoming a first class scout;
 e, and your hands are not too soft;
 r country, to your organization and to
 am "geared to go" and go fast;
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 e fellows to go to the Owasippe Spring



Real Labor—will put you in fine trim for the balance of your school year.

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 If the days are to be spent in con-
 Not cleanup work as has been the
 construction work and conserva-
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 and down the White River, per-
 arranged. Sea Scouts can work off
 s can do their stuff.

Registration fee is \$1.00 payable as soon as you are sure you
 can go. Balance of \$7.00 payable when the boat sails. Incidentally
 the trip starts when the "Alabama" sails Saturday evening, April
 23rd, about 8 o'clock. You will return the second Monday night
 in the same way, arriving Tuesday morning, May 3rd. This means
 you lose a day of school.

yourself a "HE MAN" and want to take a chance on this stunt.

APPLICATION

g Camp at Owasippe.

Phone

riect office.



Adventure—galore! Hikes, canoe trips and those things you've neglected at summer camp.





Lester C. Miller, Editor

Great Plans Ahead

THE North West District is planning far ahead into the future. Everyone knows that Camp Checaugau will be on the shores of Big Blue Lake for the second season. Right now the Scouts that were at camp the previous seasons are going to enjoy themselves at the Checaugau Reunion and also, Spring Camp will soon be here. Spring Camp will be held during vacation week in April and will accommodate 100 Scouts. The fee this year will be \$8.00. Half of the time will be spent in Conservation work and the other half in advancement or recreation.

Scouts who would like to have a position on the Camp Staff are expected to send in their application at once.

Headquarters wishes to announce that Troops 1, 13, 17, 23, 25, 39, 50 and 76 well represented the North West District in the recent Scout Exposition. These saw the opportunity and didn't let it slip by.

From now on headquarters will not be open on Wednesday evenings.

Court of Honor News

The February Court of Honor was some big court. Quite a few parents and friends of Scouting were present. The awards were as follows: 53 Second Class awards were presented by the Scoutmaster of Troop 147; 19 First Class awards were presented by Mr. Benheim; 107 Merit Badges were presented by Mr. George Lacine, Scoutmaster of Troop 76, and six Star Scouts and two Life Scouts were presented with their awards by Mr. R. P. Greene, District Commissioner. Judge O'Connell presented the Patrol Leaders' Training Course certificates to 22 graduates. Short talks were made by each of the men who made the presentations.

Troop 26's Drum and Bugle Corps, led by Scoutmaster Klingenburg, provided the entertainment. The Court was held at Kosciusko Park with an attendance of about 150 people. Troops 11, 26 and 35 were complimented on the number of Scouts receiving awards from their troop. Assistant Field Scout Executive W. Ted Grant would like to see more Scouts appear before the Court of Honor in full uniform.

Runs Newspapers

When his father recently disappeared, James Willis, sixteen year old Boy Scout of Adams and Grand Meadow, Minn., took over the operation of two weekly newspapers, which had been edited by his father. The boy who is interested in printing, spent much spare time in the offices of the two newspapers and so was familiar with the tasks and able to take hold when the emergency arrived.

Inter-Troop Swimming Meet

The Inter-Troop Swimming Meet sponsored by the Scoutmasters' Association, will be held on May 6th at the Division Street Y. M. C. A. The events will be published in next month's Scoutcraft and meanwhile we expect the troop swimming teams to be practicing very hard.

Sea Scout Membership Campaign

The North West District Sea Scout troops are right now in the midst of a big membership campaign. Any Scouts desiring to become Sea Scouts should apply at headquarters and you will be sent to the nearest Sea Scout troop. The "Saga," which is the North West District Sea Scout publication, is some snappy paper. It contains all the latest interesting Sea Scout news, yarns and other bits of interest. The editors are to be complimented on their fine work.

Troop News

Scribes, the troop news is not coming in the way it should. Now we hope to see quite a full amount from every troop next time. Let the world know what your troop is doing.

Troop 26's Drum and Bugle Corps is going strong. Scoutmaster Klingenburg is keeping the boys awake and doing something every minute. They played at the February Court of Honor.

Troop 35 is increasing its membership right along. Five new candidates were taken in, in one week. They also have a crack swimming team which expects to place in the meet. They are practicing hard and the going is good.

Troop 39's Drum and Bugle Corps represented the North West District at the Scout Exposition on February 5th. Five Scouts were on the Lincoln Pilgrimage, while the two championship first aid teams demonstrated in Klee Bros. window on February 12th. Joe Segal is leading both point contests. The troop newspaper, "Troop 39 Trails," edited by Valentine Repinski, is a hum dinger. Four Scouts, Albert Peagen, Milton Raff, Valentine Repinski and Fred Novak were named as candidates for the Honor Patrol. The swimming team, which is composed of nine Junior Life Guards, is practicing hard. A checker contest is now being held.

Troops that publish newspapers are requested to send a copy to district headquarters as troop news for the Scoutcraft.

Panic Prevented

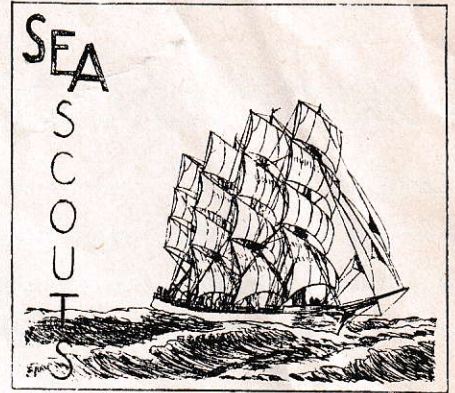
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started killing the fire. The pressure of steam was 32 pounds; if it went up to 35 pounds the whole three-story, building would have gone to pieces with Scouts Gold and Charniss buried amid the ruins. Fifteen minutes later business was going on as usual.

Hoping it will be in the March Scoutcraft. Isadore Gold, A. P. L.

Troop 210

Thanks for the story, Scout. Good work and congratulations.—Editor.



Sea Scout Log, March, 1927

Edited by Carl Norberg

THE second Sea Scout Leaders' Training Course is in full swing every Monday night aboard the S. S. Commodore. Since its first meeting on Feb. 27, over 60 prospective Sea Scout Leaders have been instructed in seamanship, navigation and organization of ships. Lieut. Peiper, the new Portmaster, is giving them all the advantage of his long experience on sailing vessels and in the Naval Reserve Forces.

Every candidate for a Mate or Skippers rating will be given an examination in the theory and actual practice of Sea Scouting, so that no officer will be given his papers unless he is thoroughly competent to run a Sea Scout Ship and to take a boat out to sea.

Calumet is back in the fold again with a rousing good ship under the leadership of Roy Englbritsen and Herb Perkins, both of whom have had abundant training in the ways of the Sea and Sea Scouts.

Since Mr. Keane has transferred his activities to New York, things have been humming down East. He publishes a weekly National Sea Scout Bulletin and we note with satisfaction that a large part of the news is about the Chicago Sea Scouts and he adds that we are way ahead of the rest of the country, though they are pressing us pretty hard in San Francisco and down East.

The crew of the Sea Scout yawl Quest is working hard these days putting in new frames and making other repairs which call for boatbuilders and sailors. Quest is going to be busy next season, taking out Sea Scouts from the South Shore District. In the absence of Skipper Holbrook, who is going on the Arctic trip, Stevens and Bisbee will act as skippers. It is expected that she will cruise a great deal next summer and if you are an able Sea Scout and hope to sail any aboard her, you will have to lend a hand in the work out at the boat yards at South Chicago.

Likewise, Nokomis is undergoing some extensive repairs so that she will be more seaworthy to sail through the worst that blows on the lake this summer, especially when she sails in the Mackinac, when nasty weather is always encountered. You probably remember how Nokomis was put out of the race last year only after the fore-sail and the stay-sail had blown away through their bolt ropes, and the main boom broke off close to the mast. Nokomis is going to be a busy ship next summer, and if any ship would like to make a cruise aboard her during the week, reservations may now be made at headquarters. The regular crew must be aboard at all times.

SOUTH SHORE SQUARE KNOT

AMONG the recent additions to our Scoutmasters are George Formanek, 8053 Dobson Avenue, who is the new Scoutmaster of Troop 559 of the Ingleside M. E. Church at 76th Street and Ingleside Avenue, and Mr. Harry T. Benjamin, 5723 Prairie Avenue, new Scoutmaster of Troop 564 of the Crerar Presbyterian Church, 5700 Prairie Avenue.

We welcome a new troop, number 526, into our District. This troop is located at the Swedish Evangelical Mission Church, 74th and Cottage Grove Avenue. Mr. Bernard Person is registered as Scoutmaster and Mr. Harold Carlson and Mr. Frederick Jacobson as Assistant Scoutmasters.

A new Seascout Ship has been organized by Deputy Commissioner Dr. R. E. Hart. The Ship is meeting temporarily in the basement of Dr. Hart's residence at 7740 Champlain Avenue. The regular program is being carried on.

Troop 554 received the Carroll A. Edson cup for efficiency during the year 1926.

Troop 508 had a remarkable record of advancement between the last two Courts of Honor. Of the total of 471 merit badges earned during the period 508 earned 215 of them; of the 33 Star awards they earned 17; of the 29 Life awards they earned 16; of the 5 Eagle awards they earned 3. Truly a record that speaks well for the advancement program of the Scoutmaster and his able assistants. At the same time the troop received 5 First Class and 3 Second Class awards and 16 Junior Red Cross Life Saving awards.

Troop 524 and 574 have a new Scoutmaster—Mr. George Morris.

New Seascout Ships and Patrols in the District are 1507, 508, 516, and Patrols and Ships organizing are 510, 521, 560, 571, 574, 576, 587.



ANOTHER of the unique stunts typical of the North Shore District which has recently attracted the attention of the public, press and news reels throughout the country is the formation of a special demonstration squad made up of eight sets of twin Scouts ranging in age from 12 to 17 and in rank from tenderfoot to Eagle. They made their first public appearance at the annual meeting of the District Council, at which time they formed the color squad and made a very good impression on those attending the dinner by their novel entrance into the banquet room. At this time they were besieged by newspaper men and photographers who insisted on shooting pictures of them from all angles and getting various stories concerning the individuals.

Following this, the publicity committee of the North Shore were continually receiving requests from syndicates, news reels and others for the right to get pictures of this squad.

These boys are now recruiting more twins into Scouting for the purpose of swelling their twin squad and chief among these are the sturdy sons of the Vikings, the Johnsons and the Swansons. There are three more sets of twins registered in the District who will soon be conducted into the demonstration squad and more recruits will be added to the ranks.

The names of these boys are: Harry and Arthur Alban, Eagles of Troop 815; Richard and Robt. Clarke, Tenderfoot, of Troop 856; George and Robt. Laznovsky, Second Class, of Troop 863; Arthur and Melvin Swanson, First and Second Class

respectively, of Troop 863; Herbert and Howard Johnson, Tenderfoot, of Troop 880; Loren and Lester Vogenthaler, Tenderfoot, of Troop 890; Oscar and Maurice Levinson, Second Class, of Troop 800; Willard and Edward Meier, Tenderfoot, of Troop 856.

The annual rally of the Scouts and officers of the North Shore District was held on Anniversary night, February 8th, at Lake View High School, when nearly 1,200 boys joined in the celebration of the seventeenth birthday of Scouting. Following the customary songs and yells which open such affairs the colors were presented by Sea Scouts of the Privateer. Star and Life candidates were presented with their badges. Inspection was won by Troop 864, with 800 and 846 second and third respectively. The feature contest of the evening was a fire-by-friction contest in which over 100 boys participated. The contest was won by 830, who made fire in 7½ minutes, after having made their set from a rough spindle, uncut board and thong. At exactly 8:15, all Scouts in the assembly came to attention and joined 800,000 other boys in recommitting themselves to the Scout oath. Motion pictures was the closing number on the program. Troops having the greatest percentage of their Scouts present were Troops 846 and 847 tied for first place, and 841 and 875 second and third place respectively.

Another ten year troop was added to the list of ten year veterans when Troop 881 celebrated the close of its first decade at a Parents' Night when the Troop Com-

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Stanley Kopec Dies

Stanley Kopec, who has been a part of the Owasippe Scout Camps every year since it started, died at his home adjoining the Crystal Lake Camps, several weeks ago.

Stanley was care taker of the camps until this year when his failing health forbade him to do much work. Until the last, though, Stanley and the whole Kopec family have felt that they were responsible for the camp after the Scouts had gone home for the winter.

Several years ago Mr. Kopec and his family fought a forest fire for hours. They finally took their last stand at the road back of the Dan Beard mess hall. Here with almost super human efforts they stopped the fire which had swept over six miles of woods.

Chicago Scouts have lost a good friend.

Purchase of Uniforms

Almost every day word reaches headquarters of Scouts who try to purchase official equipment without their registration cards, or of Scoutmasters who endeavor to buy uniforms for non-registered boys on their own cards. Now, fellows, this is not playing the game fairly. The regulation requiring the showing of the card is for your protection.

The wearing of the Scout uniform means that the donor has passed certain requirements, and everybody seeing it automatically gives him credit for this, but if the uniform could be bought by anyone it would hold no more thought in anyone's mind than the wearing of an ordinary suit.

It is a privilege to wear the uniform which is earned by the meeting of certain requirements which come from National Council, and we, as Scouts, must see that only those earning the privileges are allowed them.

Flag Fast Train

Boy Scouts of Troop No. 41, of Massillon, Ohio, are very proud of the fact that they were enabled recently to prevent a fast train from being wrecked on the Cleveland & Pittsburgh line, near Dover, Ohio. Ten Scouts of the troop, headed by Dean Mason, patrol leader, were hiking. Their route led across the railroad tracks. Before crossing the tracks the boys looked in either direction to make sure no trains were in sight. Some distance away they saw a large object between the rails and, promptly investigating, found it to be an enormous boulder which loosened by a recent thaw had rolled from an overhanging bank to the tracks. Later estimates placed the weight of this boulder at twenty-five tons.

Dividing their numbers the Scouts ran down the tracks in either direction. They knew a fast train—the Cleveland Flyer—was due in a few moments. They removed their neckerchiefs, and using these as flags, signaled to the crew to stop the oncoming train. Passengers and crew were profuse in their thanks to the Scouts whose quick-witted action undoubtedly resulted in saving the train from a serious wreck and preventing possible casualties.

The Scout Good Turn and Knighthood

Early in the fifth century, there rode through the forest, in what is now a corner of London, a powerful Knight, clad in full shining armor, with lance and plumes and helmet. Like his master, the great war horse was also protected by armored trappings. At his side rode his Squire, a young knight in training, and behind came his picked patrol of men-at-arms—strong, brave, armed to the teeth. A gallant band, alert and ready.



The shrill scream of a woman in trouble startled the band. Instantly the Knight turned aside and spurring his charger into full gallop, was soon at the woman's side. One stroke of his trusty sword disposed of her captor, while his men quickly overtook and handled the other bandits. Then the frightened woman was restored to her fireside—and the Knight traveled on.

Such was the spirit of these Knights of old. A "good turn" to some one was their constant practice.

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Fifteen hundred years rolled by and over that self-same one-time forest, the great city of London has grown.

All day long it had been in the hard grip of a dense, heavy fog. Traffic crept cautiously and slowly. Street lights had been ordered on by the police before noon, and now night was coming on. Danger lurked on every hand, because "going" was difficult even for the native.



Wm. D. Boyce, Chicago publisher and business man, was lost. A boy approached him, sensed his difficulty and said, "May I be of service to you?" "Young man," he said to the lad, "I'm lost." "Where do you want to go, Sir?", the boy said courteously. Mr. Boyce told him, and the boy saluted and said, "Come with me,

Sir." And forthwith led him to the desired spot. Like the typical American tourist, Mr. Boyce reached in his pocket and offered the boy a shilling. The boy promptly replied, "No Sir! I am a Scout. Scouts do not accept tips for courtesies." The man in surprise murmured, "What do you say?" The Scout repeated and then added, "Don't you know about the Scouts?" Mr. Boyce said, "Tell me about them." The boy did and added, "Their office is very near, Sir. I'll be glad to show you the way."

Mr. Boyce urged that he complete his errand first. The lad waited, however, and then led him to the office of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, where information about the Scout Movement was gladly given. Mr. Boyce was tremendously impressed and gathering all available literature, brought it back to the United States.

Early in the next year, Mr. Boyce and others interested in boys and citizenship formed the first organization of THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

This good turn to a stranger brought SCOUTING to the United States (1909).

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On May 1, 1926, at Washington, D. C., the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored this Unknown English Scout and awarded "The Honor Bronze Buffalo" for distinguished service to boyhood. On it is this simple but eloquent inscription:

"To the Unknown Scout Whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the Daily Good Turn Brought the Scout Movement to The United States of America."



In England the statue was received by the Prince of Wales on behalf of the English Scouts.

This "good turn" is in no way unlike millions of "good turns" done daily by the Scouts of the United States and the World.

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CALUMET NEWS

Annual Dinner Was a Success

YOU fellows will be glad to know that the Scoutmasters' Banquet this year was the best affair of its kind ever held in the Calumet District, and that your Scoutmasters and Assistants had the time of their lives.

Three hundred people, including nearly all the Calumet Scout Leaders and officials, many prominent citizens and industrial heads, made up a happy party.

Don't let your leaders joke you about your ability to put away a great amount of food. They are right there themselves when it comes to eating.

One of the best parts of the meeting was the fine way the Scouts present conducted themselves. They were having a good time, too, but they were Scout gentlemen throughout the evening. The following troops had Scouts present who had a part in the dramatization of the Scout Laws: Troops 788, 703, 701, 754, 743, 702, 733, 747, 781 and 730.

It Was a Big Meet

(By the First Aid Reporter)

The Greater Calumet District First Aid competition, held at Palmer Park, March 18, turned out to be the largest affair of its kind in the history of Boy Scout First Aid activities in the city of Chicago. Twenty-three teams competed for the Championship of the district. The large assembly hall was crowded to the doors with interested spectators, and a large number of people were turned away on account of not being able to secure standing room in the hall. Troop 753, W. L. Murphy, Scoutmaster, San Salvador Council, Knights of Columbus, took first honors with an average of 97 1/3.

This was a high score in view of the fact that the judging was in charge of Red Cross officials.

Twenty-eight teams were entered before the meet, but five of these did not put in an appearance on the night of the contest, thereby cutting down the entries to twenty-three. The teams were divided into squads and two problems were submitted in the preliminaries, the nine highest teams being qualified to contest in the finals.

The meet was in charge of Deputy Commissioner, R. F. Healy, assisted by the members of the First Aid class. Dr. H. W. Gentles, of the American Red

Cross, had charge of the judges. Instrumental music was furnished by the Pullman Technical School Band.

Final Standings: First five teams—

Troop 753, Eagle Patrol, W. L. Murphy, Scoutmaster: No. 1, 97, No. 2, 96, No. 3, 96; average 97 1/3.

Troop 752, Eagle Patrol; J. P. Kilboy, Scoutmaster: No. 1, 100; No. 2, 87, No. 3, 100; average 95 2/3.

Troop 731, Mixed Patrol; H. M. Cooling, Scoutmaster: No. 1, 98, No. 2, 96, No. 3, 83; average 95 2/3.

Troop 756, Beaver Patrol; J. M. DuBois, Scoutmaster: No. 1, 90, No. 2, 88, No. 3, 98; average 92.

Troop 775, Red Patrol, D. A. Edmunds, Scoutmaster: No. 1, 84, No. 2, 95, No. 3, 97; average 92.

Troop 701 Has Real Party

Due to lack of space, it is not possible to print the write-up submitted by Scribe George Terp, but mention must be made of the fact that close to three hundred people attended the Fathers' and Sons' party given March 10, by Troop 701, at the First Evangelical Church, 103rd and Ewing Avenue, Mr. F. C. Millis, Scoutmaster. It was a real banquet affair, the details of which had been worked out in an unusually successful manner. The decorations, program, menu, and entertainment features were all of such a nature as to do credit to a much larger organization than a Scout troop.

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The North Shore Scout's Pace

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mittee was formally installed for the ensuing year and their ten year charter was presented. During the past year, under Mr. Gjertsen as Scoutmaster, this troop has made rapid strides. On Independence Day last year this troop won a cup in an Inter-Troop contest held in Independence Park. Recently this troop tied for first place in the Lions Club Trophy Contest. It bids to be a formidable competitor in any District-wide contest which might be staged.

The annual Scout contest for troops of the Irving Park District for the Lion's Club Shield was held late in March this year and was won by Troops 856 and 881, who tied for first place with 13 points and were closely pressed by 863 with 11 points and 865 with 8 points.

In addition to the regular contest, Mr. Jack Keating of the Lions Club, offered special medals for an individual fire-by-friction contest. The winners were guests of the Lions Club at their regular weekly luncheon where the medals were presented.

The contest was organized and arranged by Deputy Commissioner Robert E. Kelly and was conducted by Field Scout Executive W. H. Gunn and his Assistant, A. A. Kirk.

On the evening of March 26th about 150 members of the Order of the Arrow held a special supper meeting at the Wilson Avenue "Y." A special program of entertainment was given and among the speakers were old Order members, among whom was Mr. R. J. Angione, 2nd degree member of New York City, and one of the original members in the early days of the Order.

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